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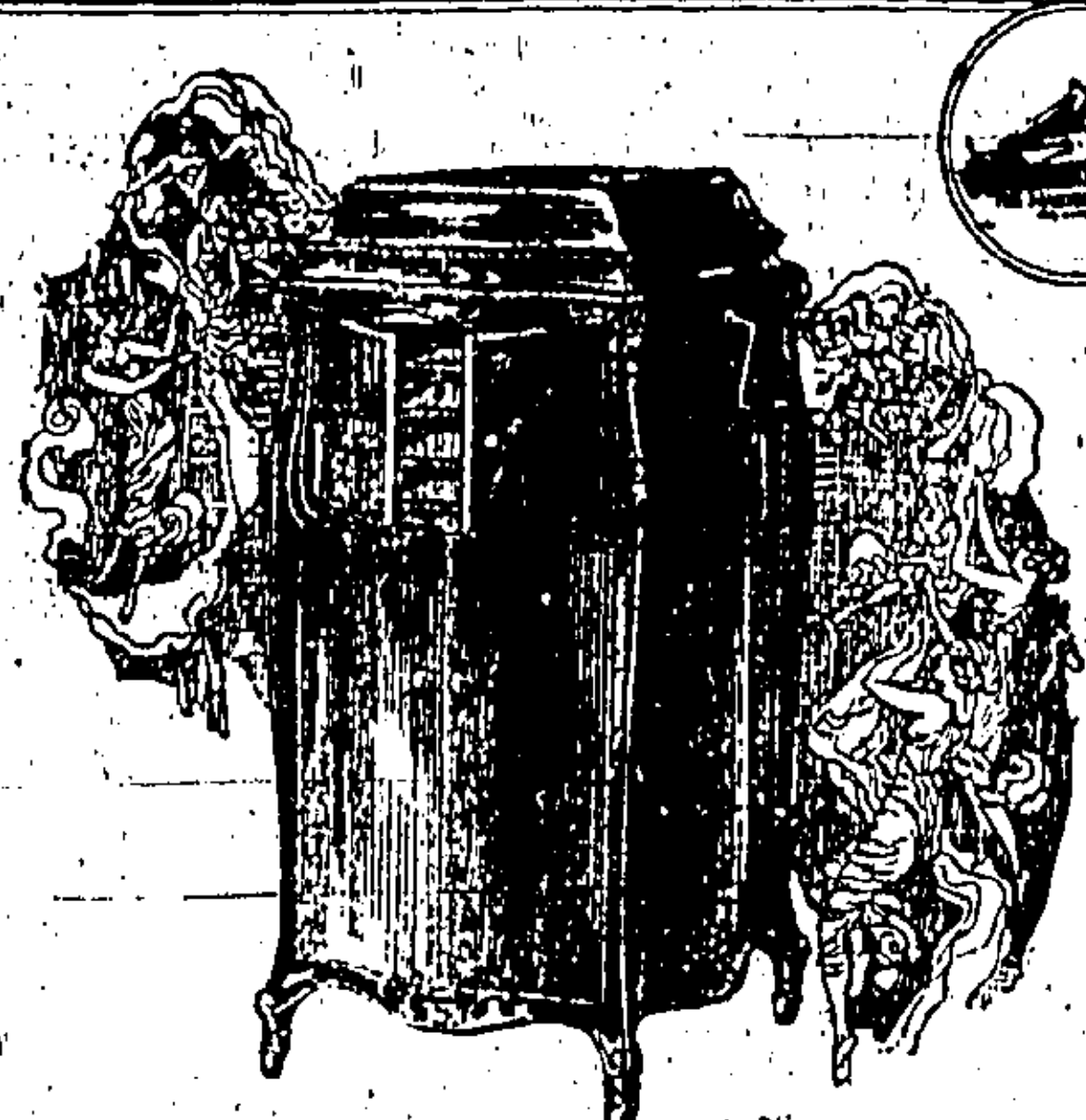
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CRISIS IN THE COMMONS. LABOUR'S NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE. MOMENTOUS DEBATE BEGINS. MR. ASQUITH SUPPORTS MOTION. (Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 17.
In the House of Commons Mr. J. R. Clynes moved a vote of non-confidence. Mr. Asquith advised all Liberals to support the motion.

DEBATE OPENS QUIETLY.

LATER.
The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York entered the Peers' Gallery as Mr. Clynes was speaking on the Labour motion of non-confidence. The momentous debate opened quietly and there were many vacant seats owing to the fact that a division had been arranged for Monday night. Mr. Clynes' indictment of the Government's foreign policy did not raise a single Labour cheer. The first sign of life was when Mr. Clynes aroused general cheers by references to the Dominions. He said Mr. Macdonald on Tuesday gave an assurance that the pledges so far made would be carried out and the House given a full opportunity of deciding the important issues raised. Mr. Clynes' own view was that the Dominions trade showed substantial opportunities and prospects of improvement.

Dominions Trade.

Mr. Clynes emphasised the necessity of not neglecting European markets but when we had done our best with our neighbours he agreed in some sense a special duty remained in relation to Dominions trade. The question was how far we could stimulate Dominions trade without increasing taxation and disturbing the foundation of the fiscal system. We must enquire into alternatives. Transport improvements constituted one line of policy and perhaps substantial encouragement of Dominion fellow-workers might be found in revealing by enquiry or otherwise the facts concerning where went the enormous difference between what the Dominions producer of food got for his labour and what the consumer here paid for it.

Emigration Problems.

Mr. Clynes went on to say that such avenues of exploration should receive purely non-partisan attention (cheers). All the conferences hitherto had been a close Government preserve (cheers) ignoring the growing interest of Labour. If we were to lift Dominions considerations to a non-party level there must be far more conferences or non-party lines. The question of emigration was involved and the consequences of a voluntary transference of the population must be carried out on agreed terms. He was satisfied that such terms would benefit Labour both here and in the Dominions. The terms must include adequate training and technical and general education for the new duties and satisfactory remuneration and security of employment for the worker before the latter would agree to emigrate. He concluded by disclaiming any desire by the Labour party to foster class strife.

Mr. Asquith as Society's Saviour.

Mr. Asquith roused Opposition enthusiasm by advising his supporters to vote in favour of the motion to eject the Government which had been guilty of vacillation and impotence at home and abroad. He had not known an administration which had done more actual mischief. There had been recently an epidemic of political hysteria. He had been cajoled and wheedled, almost caressed, threatened, browbeaten and all but blackmailed to be the saviour of society (Opposition laughter) but he declined to believe that the sun was going to set on the prosperity of Britain even with Mr. Macdonald coming into office. Translated into plain prose saving society meant the Liberals and Conservatives combining to keep Labour out (cries of "no" and laughter). He continued that there could be no question of coalition or fusion between the Liberal and Labour parties because it was impossible to bridge their differences on fundamental issues of national policy but on many social and national questions there was room for co-operation not only between the Liberal and Labour parties but also many Conservatives.

Party Conference Proposal.

Sir W. Joynson Hicks (C.) stressed the country's emphatic rejection of any Socialist Government in the elections and declared that the Liberal's action in putting Socialists into office would prevent the Liberal party from coming into office for a hundred years (loud Ministerial cheers). General Seely (L.) suggested a conference of leaders of parties with a high judicial authority to consider the political situation.

A Conservative Amendment.

Mr. Cooper Rawson (C.) gave notice of an amendment to the Labour no-confidence amendment that before any Ministry founded upon principles of socialism is formed a general election on the issue of socialism should be held.

Mr. Hodge's Maiden Speech.

Mr. Frank Hodge's maiden speech chiefly dealt in abstract form with Labour's political aspirations. He referred deprecatingly to the Liberals' sympathetic attitude towards Labour recalling in this connection the recent Liberal associations with Labour. He declared that the scientific organisation of industry was the crying political need.

The significant speech of the Conservative Mr. Gould, who severely criticised the Government's advisers has indicated that some Conservatives will support the amendment. He has assured Mr. Baldwin that he will not be silent when the matter of holding the election is thrust upon a Government. Sir Philip Hodge's speech has expressed the feeling of Mr. Hodge's speech about the Government's policy on socialism and migration.

WISE WORDS.

BRITAIN'S DELICATE TRADE BALANCE.

ADVICE TO LABOURITES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 17.
Sir Eric Geddes in a speech at the annual meeting of Federation of British Industries in London said he hoped the Labour Government, if it came into power would seek the advice of the Federation as its predecessors had done but to an even greater degree because the Labourites anyhow could not claim at present to have within their ranks the experience which older parties had of superior direction of great industrial undertakings or experience in governing. A serious problem would face any government which did anything to throw more men out of employment by upsetting the confidence on which British trade flourished in the world. The trade prosperity of Britain was at present balanced on a knife edge and very little might turn the balance either way. Undoubtedly the advent of a Labour Government had caused uneasiness. There had been nothing like a panic but a lot of investment was being done abroad, probably to a great extent foreign investment, and still capital was leaving the country. Industry and employment would suffer and the purchasing power of the home market would decrease. The position was very delicate and it was a time for careful and cautious statesmanship, not panic-mongering or wild talk. We must keep our heads and consider only the country's good.

QUAKES IN JAPAN.

INSURANCE COMPANIES' ATTITUDE.

LONDON, January 17.
The newspapers point out that the new Japanese earthquake completely justifies the attitude of the British companies in declining to admit claims on policies excluding earthquake risk. They say that the recurrence of a volcanic disturbance after so short a period shows that were such claims met once possibly the occasion would arise for further similar demands within a very short time and business on this principle would become impossible. The business of the Companies in transacting ordinary fire insurance hitherto had been built on the solid rock of experience and scientific rating of risk and the Companies, if they departed from fundamental principles, would find themselves on shifting sands.

SINGAPORE SCHEME STARTED.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMMONS.

LONDON, January 17.
Replying to questions in the Commons relative to the Singapore scheme, Col. Amery said the preliminary work had begun. The actual expenditure so far had not been great but liabilities of about £500,000 had been incurred. The land was provided free of cost by the generosity of the Colony and it was proposed to carry out the principal works by contract.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

LONDON, January 17.
The Chinese Industrial Commission spent the day touring Manchester, visiting the electrical works, the ship canal and a cotton mill. They were given a luncheon by the Chamber of Commerce. Replying to the suggestion that China should grow larger quantities of cotton Mr. Alex Lee said a million acres suitable for cotton growing had been reclaimed from the sea and no money for fertilisers would be needed for the land. He invited Manchester experts to visit the neighbourhood.

FALLING FRANC.

DISCOUNT RATE RAISED AGAIN.

PARIS, January 18.
The Bank of France has raised the discount rate a half per cent to six per cent. The Cabinet has decided with a view to the restoration of the Franc to introduce a bill authorising the suspension of the importation of commodities not corresponding to national necessities.

THE STRANDED "TACOMA"

THREE COMPARTMENTS FLOODED.

WASHINGTON, January 17.
The Navy Department has learned that three compartments of the stranded "Tacoma" are flooded but it is hoped that the cruiser will be pulled into deeper water when the heavy sea subsides. (Reuter's American Service.)

ALLEGATIONS DENIED.

SECRETARY FALL'S REPUDIATION.

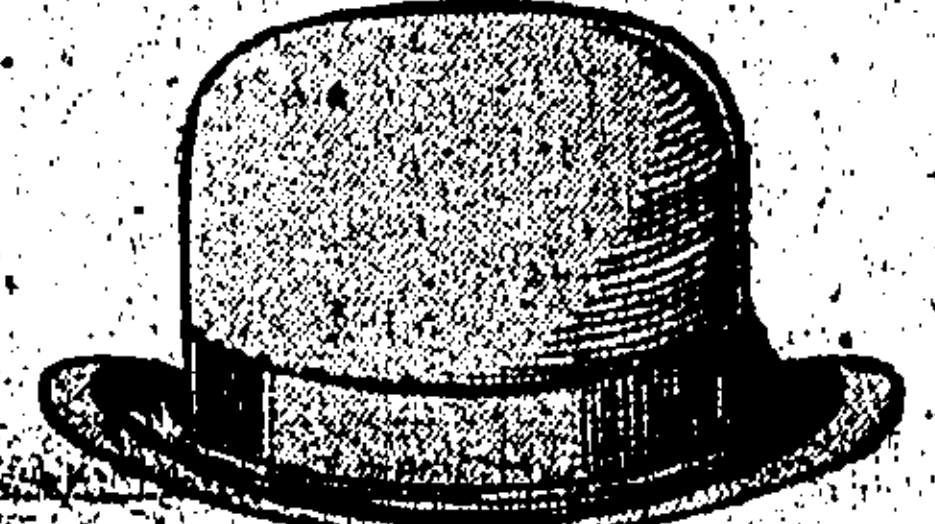
NEW ORLEANS, January 18.
Secretary Fall has characterised as malicious and untrue, Senator Caraway's allegations in the Senate, in a cable received last night. (Reuter's American Service.)

MEXICANS STILL AT IT.

BOMBARDING TAMPICO BEACH.

HOUSTON, January 18.
A wireless message picked up from a Mexican ship in the Gulf of Mexico states that Mexican ships are bombarding Tampico beach. (Reuter's American Service.)
(Other news pages will be found on page 6.)

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

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Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

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By Order
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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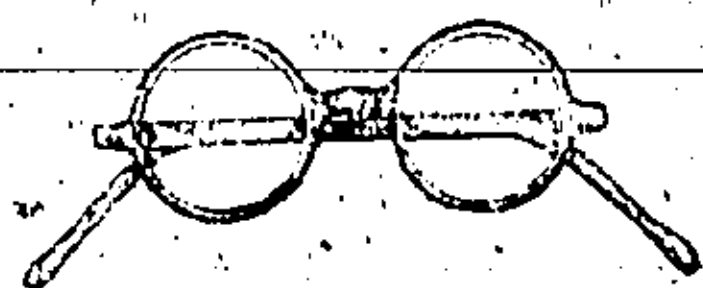
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HONGKONG FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 1924.

ANNUALS.

We are becoming famous for the scenic beauties we possess and those who visit our shores leave them with pieces of praise on their lips. We take these beauties for granted and they help us to put up with whatever discomforts there may be—particularly our humid summer and the difficulties many of us find in balancing income and expenditure. We are famous in other things and just now the annual record of them is taking place. It is the coincidence of the calendar perhaps that makes the annual meetings of limited companies and the annual prize distributions in connection with our educational institutions almost synchronous. Both deal with progress but in differing degrees. Both are fraught with deep consequences and both have much to do not merely with local conditions but with the larger life that is without the confines of this speck of possession in the Far East. Quite a number look forward to these annual meetings—even if they do not attend them and otherwise take an active interest in the matters which lead up to them. Is it that sense of confidence we place in

others to safeguard what we have temporarily given them or an indifference to the possible outcome of that confidence? Finance and education are perhaps the two greatest gods in existence. They concern us every moment of our earthly existence. There is not a single person who is not affected by them in some way or other, or who owes his or her position in life by reason of the quantity or quality of either of these much-desired possessions. In the one, meetings are attended by a few and the difficulty of forming a quorum is not unknown. In the other the enthusiasm of the young makes up for the seeming indifference of the grown-ups. Dividend warrants are the things that matter; and prizes and distinctions the outward evidence of success. When investors become interested in the method used to earn the dividends on their capital, and when they expect as a matter of course, when they evince some sort of interest in the conditions in which those who help to make these dividends, as they do in the amount annually declared, we may expect something to happen. There will be a quickening of the social scheme; a brighter atmosphere and conditions bordering on elysium. Mr. Henry Ford has accomplished the almost impossible in his methods of business and has enriched himself and others in the process of doing. Likewise with matters of education. The community owes it to those who are

engaged in directing the minds of the young—a supremely noble, delicate and almost superhuman task, a work to which they have given their lives, to show a measure of interest that is in keeping with the extremely important work which is ceaselessly being performed. It does not seem too much to ask that these annual meetings become events which we shall make it our business to support and encourage.

Important Business.

Annual school reports as a rule are not very interesting reading. The production of them each year may be more or less easy, but to give them originality and interest must tax our local headmasters to the utmost limit. The Headmaster of the Ying Wah College has reason to be congratulated on producing a document of more or less sustained interest. It is at least human. We were particularly struck with his soulful complaint of the heartrending way in which the old excuse of "Important Business" is given in schools where the majority of scholars are Chinese. It is a devastating excuse. There is no means of dealing with it. Important business is important business and that is an end to the matter. You cannot ask "What Important business?" for that once embroiled you in an argument that death only can terminate, for

Convince a Chinese scholar against his will. Important business is important still.

This reply is something akin to the Chinese business-man's reply of "can pass" to your "well how's business?"—a gentle way of indicating that there is nothing really to be said and that this conversation so far as that particular matter is concerned is at an end. We sympathise with the Ying Wah's headmaster, and with that other of his references to the difficulties of tending in Hongkong—the non-observance of issuing leaving certificates. The Education Board might do something useful and consequently helpful by "legislating" on this particular matter.

Phil and A. D. C.

The proposed co-operation of the Philharmonic Society and the A.D.C. to produce a Gilbert and Sullivan opera—possibly the "Pirates of Penzance"—will be generally welcomed. We have hitherto commented on the fact that it is impossible and undesirable to attempt to please everybody. The A.D.C. produces a play and someone raises a cry for Barrie, or Galsworthy, or Shaw even or says the thing is too modern, too fantastical. The Philharmonic attempt real solid music and someone wants something light. By all means. While attempting modern productions and composers, the old should not be forgotten. At the same time there should be no insistence on the old. The theatre at the moment is one of the most important institutions we have left to us, and to decay a play because it is perhaps ultra modern, or not easily understood is like banishing Barrie because his characters do not say "Unhand me Villain." We should like such encouragement shown both our Societies as will enable them in the case of the A.D.C. to keep pace or in touch with the modern, as well as bear in mind something of the old order, and in the case of the Phil: to continue its programme of rendering the modern and the less modern, and to attempt those things which may be likened to the lightness of a Gilbert and Sullivan. The reading of plays is also something which might be encouraged. The next best thing to seeing a play is to read one, and we are inclined to think that not many readers of say, fiction, know what pleasure can be derived from reading a really good play. Instead of another shocker, try "The Green Goddess" by William Archer, or Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

CHARVARI.

A man has invented a boat which can be folded up and carried about. This should suit those unable to meet their share settlements.

It is said that Protection would have enabled dealers to dispose of motor cars cheaply. If so, many of us would have been only too pleased to have driven a bargain.

With reference to impure liquor we are asked to note it is quite possible to get really pure beer in the Colony. Right? We will put it down.

A correspondent urges us to go for the Government bald-headed. We prefer to keep our hair on.

Author—So you like my article. What part do you particularly like? She—Oh, I think those quotations from Byron are simply splendid.

Readers will agree. YES! We that the following HAVE... parody of some more or less famous lines used by a Labourite during the recent election deserved him a measure of success which might otherwise not have been earned.

Yes, we are voting for Labour, We are voting for Labour today. Not Liberal or Tories, with their funny stories, But always for Labour, and say: Yes, we have no enjoyment in idles and unemployment, "So we are voting for Labour today."

"Please, sir," said TRUSTING, the little fellow to the butcher, "mother wants to know if it's true there is a beef trust, an' if there is would you let 'er ave a pound of chops till pay night."

ALL SCOTCH. It's an awful sign o' rain when you hear it amon' the cabbage.

Many a one would blush to hear what he would say to do to a man may see his friend in need that winna see his pow bleed.

It's ay'e guid to be ceevil, as the auld wife said when she beckett to the de'il.

Two hands may do in ae dish but ne'er in ae purse. He gangs awa at an ill time that ne'er comes back again.

There never was a slut but had a slit, there never was a daw but had a twa.

A fraonin' wife and a gruntin' horse ne'er failed their master.

CURIOUSITY, companionship, and comfort are the chief causes for a man marrying a woman. Egoism is the only one for a man falling in love with a woman.

MUSIO. Our recent reading of Home and other papers reveals the fact that there is proceeding an outcry against music—or rather who shall sing it. For instance in Australia, Dame Nellie Melba is about to produce Grand Opera with full-blooded Italians as members of her chorus. The Aussies condemn the idea saying they have as good singers as ever came out of Mussolini's country.

The Musicians Union at Home is attempting, on economic and not on racial grounds to prevent the Vienna State Opera appearing in London early in the summer, when it had been arranged to give an extended season of operas in German.

The Union claims that foreign orchestras are unnecessary while British are unemployed.

Musical critics, in swelling volume, protest on the ground that the coming summer would be the worst time for such a visit because the competition would put British opera out of action from May to September, when the numerous Colonial visitors to the Exhibition would get the impression that Great Britain is unable to supply opera of its own.

Both matters are interesting as points of view, but we could have prayed that they might never have arisen.

CORPS DE DUXE. Hamilton, Vic., is noted for the well nourished condition of its public men, and when Harry Lauder was being shown round, each "corp" introduced was more portly than his predecessor. When the town's champion fat man waddled along Harry dispensed with preliminaries. "Ah ken ye, mon ye're the Toon Council," he remarked.

ABSTRACTIONS. Some women visit the dentist when they want attention. After a patient has been attending for weeks, the year-old periodical in the waiting room seems to date from the first visit.

Dentistry is a profession of sympathy. Tell the dentist you have a bad tooth and he'll make a mouthful of it.

Uneasy lies the head that needs a crown. A dentist appears more anxious to fill in time than teeth.

He is always slowest when touching the quick. In the beginning he says: "Open your mouth wide." But when it's all over he needs no invitation to open his mouth wide.

UMBRELLAS. Brussels there is a "Mutual Umbrella Society" where members pay so much and can then obtain an umbrella at any time from various depots in the city. For a large City the idea is particularly good. In Hongkong it might be adopted by some of our leading stores to the extent of turning out jumps when sudden showers come along. There seems to be money in the idea.

It has amazed us to find that in Shanghai the law allows the presiding Magistrate or Assessor, to inflict capital punishment in the case of highway robbery in which three or four robbers are involved. The penalty may be reduced. We do not feel disposed to comment on the matter at this stage. It seems a very drastic thing.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS. Hang stashed linen on the line, in the rain for a couple of hours and all stains will disappear. Leave it a couple of days and the linen will disappear.

To prevent egg stains from showing up on white table cloth, supply each guest with a serviette. It is annoying to hear furniture scraping along the floor. To prevent this take the Yale key from your husband's pocket. To prolong the life of a broom use it only for sweeping.

Today's Poem. (Charlet.) (Triplet.)

Some say it is a charted sky— Wings, migrant, long have proved it so; Birds always know just where to fly. Some say it is a charted sky— Roads all unseen across it lie— Forms skimming lightly o'er them go; Some say it is a charted sky, Wings, migrant, long have proved it so. —FRANCES S. LARKIN.

WEATHER CALENDAR. JANUARY 18.

1819. Never was there such a season, flowers 'springing, birds singing, grubs eating the wheat—as if it was the end of May.—SCOTT.

1882. You know that my eyes are not very active, and now my hand is less than usually so, possessed as I am with a Devil of a Chill (in spite, or in consequence, of warm wet weather attended with something of Bronchitis, I think). —Fitzgerald.

TWO ETERNITIES.

The poorest day that passes ever is the continuation of two eternities. It is made up of currents that issue from the remotest Past, and flows onwards into the remotest Future. We were wise indeed, could we discern truly the signs of our own time, and by knowledge of its wants and advantages, wisely adjust our own position in it. —CARLYLE.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 18.—Coronet Theatre: "Forbidden Fruit." January 18.—Star Theatre: "What Every Woman Knows." January 18.—World Theatre: "So Long Letty."

SOCIAL. January 19.—Smoking Concert at Esma Club, 17 Queen's Road, 9 p.m.

January 19.—Dancing in Palace Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS. January 28.—Twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 28.—Thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS. January 22.—Diocesan Boys' School Annual Speech Day from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

FLOWER SHOW. March 6.—Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show.

Whooping Cough.

Whooping cough is hard on the child and hard on the parents. Control the dreadful whooping and coughing with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts gently, keeps the child comfortable, soothes the throat, and is recommended everywhere.

RUGGER RAGGINGS.

(BY "BORIMMAGE.")

The return match Club v. Navy is billed for the 28th inst. and it should be an exciting contest. Forsyth what is your team for that day? Don't forget to drill into them that they are up again, it and will have to go full out. I hear there are not many turning up for practice. A word in those delinquents' ears please.

The Navy will turn out a stronger side this time and their outside will be much more dangerous. I hope, McBride you are fit again after that Hockey game. Could you let me have your team for next Saturday? I hear also you are providing the referees for the game and remember we want a good un.

The Club will have a little difficulty in choosing a team. One or two crooks after the Interport. "Bill" Adams I am sorry will not be able to play, his left knee having gone again. His weight is needed, I am glad to learn that Jordan is fit again and will make up strength in the pack. I am sorry he was not fit for the Interport.

Can I give you a hand with your team? King is O.K. and the best back seen in Hongkong for many a day.

Skinner you are all right but remember the tackle is low. Bowker should be your inside man with Morrison as the other. You are stuck for another. What about an old Crook turning out. Dr. McGowan, Hegarty and/or Tinson will you oblige? Halves. Clerk as scrum is the best we have and if only your forwards will heel clearly you can make your backs move. Is Smyth going to turn out again? If so him for stand off and he mustn't be greedy.

Forwards. As before and go for it all the time. Keep on the ball every one of you and remember this healing and break up quicker. Groves get in straight. Follow your leader, Forsyth. Bunch round him and I will have my money on you.

I look for a big game and a good game and wish the Club the best of luck.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6.02 p.m.

Thirteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

The "Beckwith Bell" has been placed on Tat Tung Point and has been successfully working since yesterday.

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will take place in the City Hall at noon on Tuesday, January 29. Adv.

Silk forwarded from Hongkong by the "Empress of Australia" on the 21st December, arrived in New York on the 14th January, having been 24 days in transit.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Mr. William George Jarvis, to Miss Ellen Reid on route from England per the s.s. "City of York", and Mr. Charles Simon Rosset, to Miss Eileen Margaret Pang.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., send the China Mail a neat little pocket diary, issued to advertise the popular "White Horse" whisky. It contains many sports records and other information of a useful character.

The Hongkong St. Andrew's Society advertises that the Burns Night dinner will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m. H.E. the Governor will be present and will propose the toast of the evening.

The Secretaryship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has been offered to Lieut-Colonel Matthews R.G.A., retired, who is now living at home. While in the Army he served for two periods in Hongkong. He should make a popular secretary.

Messrs. Thos. Cook & son who have been appointed Chief Official Passenger Agents for the British Empire Exhibition, advise that there will undoubtedly be a very great demand for hotel accommodation during the period of the exhibition and it is quite possible the demand will exceed the available quantity. Their Hongkong Office have full particulars of accommodation and rates at hotels in London, etc., and can effect reservations for hotel accommodation in advance. In view of the great demand for hotel accommodation, intending visitors to London are recommended to make early application for such accommodation, which can be easily arranged through Thos. Cook & Son.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. O'Gorman Anderson (Stella Benson) is a visitor to the Colony.

Lady Brunyate is to distribute University Certificates on Thursday, the 31st inst. at St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay.

CANTON RIVER THRILLS.

MUD AND FOG EXPERIENCE.

A STORY OF BYGONE DAYS.

February is usually considered the time when conditions are at their worst on the Canton River but this year the fog has made its appearance a little earlier.

On Wednesday, the s.s. "Honam," which is taking the "Heungshan's" place (while the latter is undergoing her annual docking) on the Hongkong-Canton day run, did not get here till after 5 p.m. although she left Canton as usual at 8 a.m.

It is learnt from those interested in the Canton run that the "Honam," Captain Turner, passed about half a dozen vessels which had become stuck in the mud a little further up than Whampoa. This was due to the exceptionally low tide but all the ships got off as soon as the tide rose. Details are not available at the moment but it is stated that the "Kansu," one of the "Kwang Tung's" a China Merchants' ship, and one or two Chinese-owned British registry ships, had the unpleasant experience of grounding in the soft bottom of the river.

During the wait for the tide, a few Chinese re-tailed accounts of piracies in adjacent waters last year and were quite restless for a time. As our informant pointed out, pirating a ship by concealing an emoury on board prior to sailing is an entirely different matter to putting off in small boats and attempting to take a sound steamer by scaling her. The officers and guards would have had little difficulty in picking off the desperadoes with their rifles. Nothing went wrong and the vessels continued their voyages as soon as they floated off.

In connection with the foregoing, another river officer with years of experience to his credit, recounted an episode which befell him on a Kowloon steamer, the name of which is no more than a memory. It was one of the first occasions when that part of the delta had been seriously flooded and most of the navigating marks were under water. The result was that this ship took a turn too soon and was soon steaming over a submerged paddy-field. To quote the story as related, "the ship merely sat in the mud" and there remained no alternative till the flood had subsided sufficiently for bearings to be taken. A few days later, the water went down very rapidly and the task at the moment, became one of propping up the ship's sides so that it would not lie down and take a nap. For fully a day, the whole crew muddled till it was felt that the ship would remain upright. When normal conditions returned, assistance was sent from Hongkong and the ship was ultimately got off.

SILK STOCKINGS.

MAID'S BORROWED PLUMES.

1 Mrs. M. L. Pinguet of No. 10, Chatham Road, Kowloon, was the complainant in a police prosecution before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when a Chinese maid-servant in the employ of Mrs. F. P. Engelbrecht, was charged with the larceny of two pairs of silk stockings. It was stated that Mrs. Pinguet and Mrs. Engelbrecht are sisters. Mr. Engelbrecht told the Court that in a search of defendant's room, he found the stockings. The girl made a statement to the effect that she took the stockings in ignorance. His Worship recorded a conviction and remanded the defendant, in police custody, till to-morrow, when he would deliver sentence.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It was learnt to-day that the two alleged footpads who are accused of having held up a Chinese woman and her daughter on the Stanley Road on Wednesday, have been arrested and that the jewellery they are supposed to have taken, has been recovered.

The China Mail is informed that Admiral Chan Chak was not present at the murder trial at the Criminal Sessions on Wednesday. At any rate, the man who was taken to be the Admiral had an almost exact resemblance and his proximity to Mr. Chow Loo as they left the Court, gave every reason to believe that it was the River Defence Commissioner.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. O'Gorman Anderson (Stella Benson) is a visitor to the Colony.

Lady Brunyate is to distribute University Certificates on Thursday, the 31st inst. at St. Paul's Institution, Causeway Bay.

MINERS MAY STRIKE.

OVER WAGES AGREEMENT REVISION.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 17. It is officially announced that the miners' ballot has resulted in a vote of 10,000 for, and 114,000 against giving three months' notice to terminate the National Wages Agreement. The Miners' Executive are to meet the nine owners this afternoon and are expected to endeavour to negotiate for a revision of the agreement. In the event of failure in the negotiations, there will be a further ballot. A two-thirds majority of voters is necessary before a strike becomes possible.

"THIS IS THE FINISH."

IMPASSE IN RAILWAY NEGOTIATION.

LONDON, January 17. "This is the finish," indicating that the strike preparations will go forward, said the secretary of the Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen tonight on learning of the statement issued by the railway managers wherein he recapitulated their position and said they had no alternative but to apply to the National Wages Board for a decision.

The secretary of the men's Locomotive Society suggests that the managers are influenced by the attitude of Mr. J. H. Thomas the secretary of the rival National Union of Railwaymen.

HOME POLITICS.

THE ENTHRONEMENT OF LABOUR.

LONDON, January 17. Mr. Winston Churchill, who is evidently among the Liberals who do not relish the idea of supporting Labour, has published a letter wherein he declares that the enthronement of a Socialist Government in office would be a serious national misfortune comparable to defeat in war. He contends that the exhortation, "give a chance to Labour" only really means giving fair chance to faction and manoeuvre and he paints a dark picture as a result of a Socialist minority rule. He suggests that after the Clynes' amendment to the address has been carried, the House should further record its repudiation of socialism and distrust the advocates of capital levy and nationalisation.

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS.

LONDON, January 17. In the House of Commons it was asked whether anything had been done with a view to the sale of Government holdings in Anglo-Persian oil shares. Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that eighteen months ago a proposal to sell the shares was rejected on the recommendation of the Cabinet Committee. Recently further proposals by various oil interests had been submitted but the Government had not time to reach a final decision. It was intended to refer the matter to the Cabinet Committee.

FRANCE'S OUTLOOK.

"INCREASINGLY FLOURISHING FINANCES."

PARIS, January 17. In a speech in connection with the introduction of the Government's financial proposals designed to remedy the position of France, M. Poincare declared that despite appearances, France's situation was increasingly flourishing. He stated that the note circulation and War Budget was substantially reduced compared to 1920 figures. By a vote of 360 against 215 the Chamber subsequently postponed an interpellation on the Rensons Act issue the Government stating that they regarded the discussion in the light of a question of confidence.

THE ILLFATED "L24."

TRAGEDY OF THE CREW.

LONDON, January 17. Questioned in the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Amery stated that there was no reasonable doubt that the flooding of the "L24" and the death of the crew had immediately followed the collision.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The A.C.L. steamer "McKibbin" arrived at Shanghai from Pootung Jan. 17. She will call at the port on Jan. 19 and will then arrive Hong Kong on Jan. 20. The steamer is owned by the A.C.L. Co., Ltd.

MAMMOTH AIRSHIP'S EXPLOIT.

SAFELY WEATHERS THE STORM.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON, January 17. Mr. Denby Secretary of the Navy, is delighted with the "Shenandoah's" exploit. He has telegraphed his congratulations to the crew and has stated: "From all our information, it may be positively asserted that there is hardly any possibility that this ship will encounter in her Arctic expedition so severe a test as she has already met successfully. (Reuters American Service.)

RAILWAY STRIKE THREAT. HOPES OF SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, January 17. Despite the official announcement that Sunday midnight has been fixed for the strike of locomotive employees, industrial circles are optimistic that the trouble may yet be averted as a result of the unofficial conversations proceeding. It is believed that the Companies are reconsidering their attitude.

ZAGHLUL STILL REJOICES.

EGYPTIAN ELECTION SUCCESSES.

CAIRO, January 17. The Zaghlulists have captured twenty-seven out of thirty-seven seats in the re-voting to-day making 177 Zaghlulists out of 207 results. There are only seven results outstanding.

CANADA'S TRADE.

INCREASE IN VOLUME.

OTTAWA, January 17. Canada's trade during the nine months ended December 31, totalling \$1,494,000,000, an increase of \$184,000,000 compared with corresponding period of last year. Imports totalled \$678,000,000 and exports \$815,000,000. There are increases of \$101,000,000 and \$83,000,000 respectively.

SWARAJIST OBSTRUCTION.

GOVERNMENT BILLS BLOCKED.

NAGPUR, January 17. The Swarajists, who command a majority in the Central Provinces Legislature, successfully obstructed five Government Bills by voting for their postponement or recirculation. A two days' programme thus finished in two hours.

SAIGON'S WIRELESS STATION.

12½ MINS. FROM HANOI TO PARIS.

PARIS, January 17. On the occasion of the opening of the wireless station at Saigon thereby enabling messages to be sent from Indo-China to France instead of vice-versa only, as hitherto, the Colonial Minister, wirelessing the Governor-General of Indo-China expressed the opinion that the station would largely contribute to the expansion of French influence in the Far East. The governor's reply from Hanoi to Paris only took 12½ minutes in transmission.

THE LEAGUE AND EUROPE.

THE VIEWS OF MR. CHAO HSIN-CHU.

LONDON, January 17. In addressing a meeting of the League of Nations Union, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu strongly supported the League but urged that its methods, policy and debates should not be dominated by European politics. If it ever ceased to be a worldwide concern, he said, the American nations would establish their own league, and those of Asia would follow suit.

HOME FOOTBALL.

REPLAYED CUP-TIES.

LONDON, January 17. In the Football Cup (first round) the following matches were replayed: Clapton Orient 1; Swansea 1. Charlton 1; Accrington 0. Halifax 1; Northampton 1. —Reuters.

Mr. Charles Key, head master of Bakerstreet L.C.C. school, Stoney, has been offered the majority of Poplar.

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HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, Hongkong, 18th January, 1924.

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A formidable looking menu with twenty-three items, containing a wide selection of good things to suit even the most fastidious epicureans, is in the hands of the Hongkong Hotel Co., who besides supplying the needs of the inner man, will provide the music for the dances.

Extra turns on the musical programme will add a tartan touch to the affair. There will be an eight-ounce reel by the Caledonians and Piper Alistair Ferguson and Drummer R.B. Bell of the H.K.V. Defence Corps will supply bag-pipe music. From the first waltz ("My Buddy") until the last fox-trot ("Will You Always Love Me") the fun promises to be fast and furious.

Here is the dance programme:

- Extra Waltz My Buddy.
- 1-Lancers Amelias.
- 2-One Step Out Yourself.
- 3-Fox Trot Piece of Cake.
- 4-Eightsome Reel Die! Among the Tailors.
- 5-Waltz Why Should I Cry Over You.
- 6-One Step Dancing Tool.
- 7-Fox Trot Who's Sorry Now.
- 8-Waltz I'm Just a Little Blue.
- 9-Fox Trot You Tell em I Stutter.
- 10-One Step Other Lips.
- 11-Fox Trot I Want To So My Mammy Every Night.
- 12-Waltz Thru The Night.
- 13-Fox Trot Beale Street.
- 14-Lancers Bohemian Boys.
- 15-One Step Happy.
- 16-Waltz After Every Party.
- 17-Fox Trot Mr. Gallagher & Mr. Shean.
- 18-Caledonians Caledonians.
- 19-Fox Trot Yes, We Have No Bananas.
- 20-One Step I'm Nobody's Baby.
- 21-Fox Trot Marchetta.
- 22-Waltz Good Night.
- Extra Fox Trot Will You.
- Always Love Me.

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- Refreshment and Card Rooms—Messrs. W. Weir, M. O'Brien, Jas. Sloan, and C. B. Matthews.
- Club Rooms—Messrs. J. Luing and C. Young.
- Reception Committee—Messrs. J. Mitchell, T. Young, and T. Grimshaw.
- M.C.—Messrs. Stewart Hope, J. Ashcroft, E. Moore, and O. Young.
- Hon. Secretary—Mr. C. B. Matthews.
- Hon. Treasurer—Mr. Stewart Hope.
- Chairman of Committee—Mr. A. Hamilton.
- Launches will leave the Tarkoo Dockyard for Ball, Pier and Police Pier (Kowloon) every half-hour from 12.30 a.m. to 2.30 a.m.

THE CORONET.

"FORBIDDEN FRUIT."

The Coronet are putting on for one day only the film "Forbidden Fruit," one of Paramount's special productions. Agnes Ayres stars in this story of a young wife whose faith is put to severe trials before her matrimonial happiness is assured. Felix the Cat is another attraction, full of humour.

To-morrow probably the biggest collection of stars ever seen in one picture, appears in "Quincy Adams Sawyer." This is a narrative written around the dramatic incidents that occur in a little country town. Starting from a small matter the complications become serious, and the scenes are gripping in their intensity.

Blanche Sweet, John Bowser, Elmo Lincoln, and Barbara La Marr are only a few of the many well-known artists in the film.

THE STAR.

"WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS."

Those who admire the works of Sir James Barrie will be satisfied with "What Every Woman Knows" as a picture. The quaint humour of the author has been picturized in excellent fashion, and the production is artistically and technically well done. Added to the fine acting is a good modicum of humour, through the medium of sub-titles taken from the written play. Lois Wilson and Conrad Nagel are the stars, and the story of the rising young politician whose wife writes all his speeches, finally saving his reputation in a crisis, is unfolded in a natural manner.



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CRICKET.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

LEAGUE AVERAGES.

With the cricket league competitions getting on to the last stage, it would be interesting to analyse the performances of those who have figured prominently in the averages. Before doing so I must subscribe to the opinion, which I believe is shared by many critics, that averages and analyses are no criterion of a cricketer's worth. Not only is a player's value to his team not shown in statistics, but there is no differentiation between runs made in a race with the clock, on unfavourable pitches and against high-class bowling and fielding, and the scores which are piled up when a match has been won, time is not at stake, the wicket is all in favour of the batsman and the attack, generally, is weak. A batsman who places his average before the requirements of his eleven, as interpreted by his skipper's instructions, is not worthy of his place in the team, no matter his skill. Again, a bowler who only thinks of his analysis and makes everything else of secondary importance, is no cricketer. To put the matter in a nutshell by making a comparison, a boundary counts four in the record whether it is made off the best that Wilfred Rhodes can give or when a long hop from a "rabbit" is sent to the fence. Bowling Pat Hendren when set brings no more credit in the averages than knocking out my middle stump with the first ball. No matter how much the former may be a miracle and the latter a certainty, it is only one wicket. Still, it is claimed that averages are an incentive to keen competition and, on the whole, make for better cricket.

There has been an interesting race in the senior division for the lead in the batting aggregate, which was held A. Rumjahn for the first part and Owen Hughes for the latter half of last season. After staying at the top for some time, O. Ismail has regained the lead and he also has the distinction of being the first man to get 200 runs in the senior league. Although there is every probability that he will not be first when the league is finished, his record is highly creditable. His highest score is 44 and his average 34.67, with only one "not out." The one blemish is that he has made his runs against the weaker teams and did not come off in the matches with the Club and the Navy; to set off this, it must be said that he has done equally well both at home and away.

Second at present is A.A. Rumjahn with 198 compiled in five innings. Shouldering the responsibilities of skipper is the only reason I can deduce for his inconsistent showing so far. He has made 44 against the C.R.C., 110 R.G.A., 10 H.K.C.C., 29 Craignower and 5 Kowloon. With the exception of the century, all the matches were played away, and in every case he has opened his team's innings.

Next is Lieut. Commander Paffard of the Royal Navy with 188. The mainstay of the senior service batting, he has made creditable scores in all league matches except the first. He is mentioned as one of those who will be leaving for home this week and his place will be hard to fill.

Another I.R.C. bat, S. H. Ismail, is fourth with 178, made in seven attempts. Without the benefit of any "not out" scores, he has an average of over 25 although he has never exceeded the 50 mark.

G. R. More, the Club all-rounder has an aggregate of 177. In the match with the Indians he was caught before he had scored. Against the weak Artillery bowling, he was three short of a century. Opening the innings against Craignower, he retired with 48 and when the batting order was reversed in the Varsity match, he knocked up 32.

By virtue of two big scores in the last two matches, the Rev. E. K. Quick has now an aggregate worthy of a batsman of his calibre. He has the distinction of having double figures in all five matches in spite of having to bowl a great deal more than last season.

Two Civil Service men are next on the list with totals of 167. Sayer made his runs in five attempts, and de Rome in four. Luck has been entirely against them when the team required a big effort but their records, nevertheless, give proof of excellent batting ability.

An entirely different state of things prevails in the junior section. Major Gandy still holds the lead but the only other player to pass his aggregate is Harter of Civil Service. Redpath's name will be omitted when the Sappers play their next match, the thirteenth.

A. el Arculli is still the only first league trundler who has taken over twenty wickets. Jacob is making rapid progress in the second league. He tops the averages and is a good second as regards number of wickets taken although he has only bowled in eight matches.

After last Saturday's matches, the only teams which have not tasted defeat are the Indian 1st XI, the Club 1st XI and the Navy 2nd XI. By drawing with the Sappers, the junior Navy team has lost its complete winning record.

Below are the league averages compiled on results forwarded to the Press. If any are omitted I shall be obliged if the respective captains or secretaries will send on the missing results. Qualification for inclusion is as follows: Participation in at least half the team's engagements. An average of 20 or over for batsmen and under 12.00 for bowlers.

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings.	Highest Score.	Aggregate.	Average.
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	2	61	78	39.00
Quick (U.)	5	68	171	34.20
Clark (H.K.)	2	106	106	53.00
Purcell (N.)	4	72	145	36.25
J. S. Currie (U.)	1	81	143	47.66
Paffard (N.)	5	86	188	37.60
More (H.K.)	4	97	177	44.25
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	2	39	44	22.00
Pearce (H.K.)	2	40	42	21.00
de Rome (C.S.)	4	97	167	41.75
A.A. Rumjahn (U.)	5	110	198	39.60
Lindsell (K.)	4	39	72	18.00
A. el Arculli (L.)	5	34	71	14.20
O. Ismail (L.)	7	44	208	29.71
Balhetcher (U.)	5	74	134	26.80
Sayer (C.S.)	5	107	167	33.40
Witchell (C.S.)	3	58	63	21.00
A. H. Madar (L.)	7	52	132	18.85
S. H. Ismail (L.)	7	50	178	25.43
Bradbury (Craign.)	5	41	94	18.80
Roffey (U.)	4	37	93	23.25
W. Hung (C.R.C.)	5	26	110	22.00
Nihill (C.S.)	4	27	44	11.00
Laing (U.)	3	40	40	13.33

SECOND DIVISION.

Brooksmith (N.)	3	80	137	45.66
Redpath (R.E.)	6	95	244	40.66
H. D. Rumjahn (I)	7	72	178	25.43
Hagen (H.K.)	7	47	171	24.42
O. Rumjahn (L.)	8	67	201	25.12
Harper (C.S.)	9	60	267	29.66
Gandy (R.E.)	11	108	319	29.00
A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.)	5	106	153	30.60
Reid (H.K.)	7	65	147	21.00
D. Rumjahn (I)	7	50	135	19.28
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	7	44	154	22.00
Weaver (K.)	6	52	123	20.50

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets.	Average.
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	18	4.61
Bowker (H.K.)	8	4.75
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	6.42
Webster (H.K.)	5	6.66
Sayer (C.S.)	11	9.73
Pomfret (N.)	10	6.90
Gould (N.)	9	7.56
A. el Arculli (L.)	25	8.50
A. H. Madar (L.)	12	9.00
Balhetcher (U.)	15	9.13
Margreaves (N.)	10	9.50
Omari (I)	16	9.75
More (H.K.)	6	9.83
A. A. Rumjahn (U.)	11	10.17
Quick (U.)	13	10.69
F. M. el Arculli (L.)	7	11.86

SECOND DIVISION.

Jacob (R.E.)	38	6.55
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	9	6.89
Hogg (N.)	18	7.83
Redpath (R.E.)	17	8.00
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	24	8.83
Giffin (H.K.)	21	8.95
Sara (C.S.)	50	9.36
Hoopell (N.)	11	9.36
Laing (U.)	19	9.58
Winter (R.E.)	13	9.69
A. R. F. Raven (K.)	11	9.91
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	25	10.08
Overy (K.)	12	10.08
Sirdar Khan (L.)	20	10.10
Reid (H.K.)	19	10.32
Petheram (K.)	21	10.38
E. A. Moosdeen (I)	10	11.70

LEAGUE TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Indian R. C.	7	5	0	2	17
University	4	4	1	0	12
H.K.C.C.	4	3	1	0	10
Civil Service	5	3	1	0	10
Navy	5	3	2	0	9
Kowloon C. C.	5	1	3	1	4
S. G. A.	7	5	1	1	4
Craignower	5	0	4	1	1
Chinese R. C.	5	0	4	1	1

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Royal Engineers	12	9	1	2	20
Navy 2nd XI	16	5	0	1	15
Civil Service 2nd XI	10	4	1	1	15
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI	9	3	3	1	12
Indians 2nd XI	9	3	4	2	11
University 2nd XI	9	3	4	2	11
R.A.M.C.	7	3	4	0	9
Kowloon 2nd XI	8	1	6	1	9
Chinese 2nd XI	8	0	6	2	2

League Records, this season. Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Rumjahn (University) 110; 2nd division, Major Gandy (R.E.) 108 not out.

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TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following teams will represent the H.K.C.C. in their league fixtures to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below:—

1st XI v. Navy, on H.K.C.C. ground:—H. R. B. Hancock (capt.), T. E. Pearce, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. T. B. Powell, A. C. I. Bowker, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. England, D. H. F. McMaster and H. E. Hollands.

2nd XI v. I.R.C. at Sookumpoo:—E. C. Hagen (capt.), G. H. Piercy, H. Giffin, H. H. Day, C. V. Mark, J. N. Owen, G. W. Sewell, P. Jacks, J. E. Hancock, R. M. Macalpine and J. R. Way.

KOWLOON v. CIVIL SERVICE.

These first elevens meet in a league match to-morrow at Kowloon. The following will represent Civil Service:—A. E. Wood (capt.), G. R. Sayer, R. E. O. Bird, A. R. Sutherland, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, R. C. Wittichell, F. H. Holdman, J. H. B. Nihill, F. Baker, and W. H. Edmonds.

The following have been chosen by Kowloon:—J. P. Robinson (capt.), R. E. Lindsell, S. Jex, A. W. Ramsey, R. Pestonji, R. Earnshaw, L. E. Lammert, C. J. Tacchi and F. W. Howell.

C.R.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the Chinese Recreation Club in their league matches to-morrow:—

First Eleven v. Craignower on the latter's ground:—Ng Sze-kwong, C. Chou, W. Hung, H. C. Hung, M. W. Lo, M. K. Lo, G. Lee, Shi Yuk-kwan, H. Ching, W. Lock Wei and H. Kow.

Second Eleven v. University on C.R.C. ground:—S. T. Wong, Wong Po-keung, C. E. Wong, K. L. Chou, Wan In-shing, Leung Kam-cheung, Y. M. Shi, C. F. Lee, Harry Kan, Andrew Cheung and J. M. Tan.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. CIVIL SERVICE 2nd XI.

In this league match at Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow, Kowloon will be represented by H. Overy (capt.), E. J. Edwards, W. L. Weaver, A. J. Kew, B. Petheram, A. R. E. Raven, A. O. Briwn, J. Fraser, E. Savage, D. S. Green and O. B. Raven.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in a league match against the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow at Sookumpoo:—Messrs. D. Rumjahn (capt.), Sirdar Khan, E. A. Moosdeen, F. M. el Arculli, M. P. Madar, H. D. Rumjahn, O. Rumjahn, A. Kitchell, Y. A. Wahab, A. H. M. Samy and J. Cassumbloy.

C.C.C. v. C.R.C.

C.R.C. v. C.C.C. to be played on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. on C.C.C. ground:—

C.C.C. Team:—B. W. Bradbury, F. E. Lawrence, D. Fritz, T. Grimes, H. J. Dennis, G. W. Milne, S. Abbas, Y. Abbas, W. Hall, G. White and R. Basa.

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JOHN G. KERR HOSPITAL.

ASSISTANCE URGENTLY NEEDED.

Mr. R. M. Ross, Acting Superintendent of the John G. Kerr Hospital for Insane, Canton, is in Hongkong addressing meetings of the Chinese community with the object of raising more funds in aid of the Hospital and he also hopes for help from the European community.

The reason for the present financial difficulties is that disorganisation in Canton has deprived the hospital of the usual payments for cases treated on behalf of the Canton authorities.

Dr. Ross acknowledges with gratitude the recent increased grant by the Hongkong Government in respect of local cases treated at the hospital. The Canton authorities have far more cases there and non-payment by them is his difficulty.

A printed appeal addressed by the Treasurer of the Hospital to all whom it may concern says:—

Owing to the continued disturbed condition to the country our rapidly growing institution is compelled to appeal to our friends, Chinese and foreign, for financial assistance. In the past it has never been necessary to do so, as funds sufficient for ordinary purposes have come in the shape of hospital receipts and donations.

This hospital is the only institution for the exclusive care of the insane in all China. It is a missionary enterprise established in 1898 by Dr. John G. Kerr, a physician under the American Presbyterian Mission. It has grown rapidly until at present there are over 700 patients. Over 5,000 have been treated and of this number about 20 per cent. have been discharged cured, and a still larger number have been improved.

One of the main objects of this hospital is to conduct a demonstration of the best methods of treating the insane with the purpose of introducing it into China. We hope to co-operate with the Chinese Government in opening such hospitals, under government auspices; with this object in view we conduct, during the Chinese New Year holidays what we call Mental Hygiene Campaigns. These campaigns are held for five consecutive days each year. During these five days the grounds are opened to visitors, the patients, meanwhile, being confined to their wards. In order to attract large crowds, various forms of entertainment are provided and the whole is extensively advertised. These campaigns have proved successful far beyond our expectations. The attendance each year has been well over 50,000 and has attracted the attention of the official and influential classes. During these campaigns we not only demonstrate methods of treatment, but do much advertising of important mental hygiene facts, such as: the relation of syphilis, alcohol, etc., to insanity; the relation of the insane (especially the feeble-minded) to crime and the spread of venereal disease.

The present site planned originally to accommodate 500, is now housing over 700. It is imperative that the new wards be erected to receive new patients (about 400 new cases admitted per year). Recently an additional plot of land (about 70 Chinese mow) has been secured. This new land has been partially paid for, but a debt of \$35,000 remains to be provided for. Over 500 of the 700 odd patients have been brought to us by the Canton Department of Health. We contract to care for these patients at so much per capita. For some time the local government has been falling behind in payment for these patients until at present they owe us over \$28,000. Eventually we expect to be able to collect, but at present we are compelled to borrow in order to carry on. We are also under contract with the Hongkong Government to receive all cases of Chinese insane deported from that colony. The Hongkong Government has just made us an unusually generous grant of \$25,000. As our capacity is greatly overtaxed we must erect new wards on the newly acquired land in order to meet our contract.

Thus, in order to clear ourselves of debt, to provide funds for running expenses during the time of slow payment by the Canton Government and to provide new wards at once, we must raise about \$100,000.

BISHOP POZZONI.

IMPROVEMENT REPORTED.

Hongkong residents will be glad to learn of the improvement of the Right Rev. Dr. Pozzoni, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, whose sudden heart attack on Wednesday afternoon was feared to have passed away. A good night's rest was reported to be much better. As soon as he has sufficiently recovered he will be removed to the Wanchai Hospital.

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR REPORTED.

Successful girls at the Victoria British School were complimented by Lady Severn at the annual prize distribution this morning and in response the girls cheered her Ladyship to the echo.

Mrs. E. M. Clark, the headmistress reported that the school was opened 195 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 74. The average attendance for the year was 61.7 as against 51.9 in 1922.

There were several changes in the staff during the year. Mrs. Atwell resigned in April and Mrs. Weston filled the vacancy and has proved a valuable addition to the staff. Miss Kennedy arrived from England in September and took charge of a class of infants who have been happy and interested in their work.

Mrs. Clark went on to say that the playing field had not been used for some time owing to its unsuitability for games. The St. George's Society donated \$15 with which books were bought locally for the library.

As regards health Dr. Fisher reported: "The general health was good. Teeth and adenoids of a few children required attention. There had been a number of pupils absent at various times suffering from malarial fever."

GOOD WORK GENERALLY.

The work generally was satisfactory. Geography, nature study and drawing had been very successfully taught by Mrs. Weston. The microscope lent by Mr. Ralph had been used much and appreciated by the staff and pupils. Composition and spelling were weak. The children were encouraged to read for themselves, but as yet did not appreciate the use of a dictionary. Dictionaries had been ordered for all children from the age of 7 years onwards. Arithmetic improved during the year; very good work was done by Mrs. Humphrey in this subject. Miss Dyer visited the school for drill and games and there had been a decided improvement in deportment since the pupils commenced these lessons.

Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their cookery lessons which were continued throughout the year. An "Open Day" was held in July when parents had an opportunity of viewing their children's work.

"I should be very pleased if parents would still co-operate with the teachers and encourage their children to think and act for themselves without depending so much upon others," continued the Headmistress. The year had been a fully satisfactory one and Mrs. Clark said she was pleased to be able to thank the members of her staff for their co-operation and good work during the year.

The prize winners were:—
Class Scholarships: Laura Dransfield (Class 4); George Fowler (Class 5); Lyall Glendenning (Class 6); Mary Weston (Class 7); Annie Stewart (Class 7); Maggie Dunlop and Nora Gill (Class 8); Marie Clarke and James Barker (Infants); John Hamer—special prize for progress.

General Proficiency Prizes:—

Laura Dransfield and Beatrice Taylor (Class 4); George Fowler and Dorothy Dransfield (Class 5); Lyall Glendenning and Ellen Stewart (Class 6); Mary Weston and Annie Stewart (Class 7); Maggie Dunlop and Nora Gill (Class 8); Marie Clarke and James Barker (Infants); John Hamer—special prize for progress.

SHOTS ON BOWEN ROAD.

POLICE FIRED AT.

On Wednesday afternoon, while Police Constables Taylor and Huggen were on patrol on Bowen Road near Wanchai Gap, they came upon two Chinese who immediately ran away on the officers' approach.

P. C. Taylor chased one up the hillside. As the fugitive did not stop, one round was fired into the air and several others at him, but he was not hit and Constable Taylor lost sight of him in a clump of bushes.

The other Chinese ran down the hillside followed by Constable Huggen. On reaching a bend, the quarry turned and fired a couple of rounds from his pocket but without effect. The fire was returned whereupon the man took cover and ultimately disappeared.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

NEW FLOAT AND SUBSTATION.

Built on the lines of a tug so that it can move about in rough weather, a new large steam fire float will shortly be ready, which will bring the number of harbour boats to three.

Meanwhile, the old police station at Mongkok is to be converted into a sub-station which is expected to be of much use to the Mongkok, Shamshuipo and Kowloon City districts. Any assistance foreman and eight firemen will be in charge of the hose tender which will be placed there. The scheme is that while the appliances from Saltwater Road station are on the way, good work could be done by the local sub-station.

POLO MATCH.

CIVILIANS WIN CUP.

NAVAL TEAM'S GOOD SHOW.

Stubborn opposition in the best spirit, plenty of dash and excellent combination on the part of the Navy polo team yesterday, provided spectators with a grand game which, however, resulted in a win for the Civilians by four goals to two. Before the match the senior service representatives, who with the exception of Captain Neville, were considered beginners, were not expected to put up much of a fight but the game they did play earned unstinted applause.

Conditions were by no means ideal as the ground was hard and bumpy and there was light drizzle throughout the match. In the first chukka or so, the Civilians did not seem to be able to settle down to their usual form. However both players and ponies soon got accustomed to the conditions and some good work was seen in the later stages. Although superior individually, the Civilians lacked effective combination. Boyd opened shakily but improved after the first chukka and his speedy mounts gave him an added advantage. Bartholomew played a strong defensive game and was responsible for some good attacking movements. His stick-work was admirable throughout. Judd was unlucky in not finding the goal on several occasions but Cox did not play up to form. Captain Neville was the life and soul of the Naval team, and he was well backed up by the others who give promise of becoming still better players.

About two minutes after the game had started Boyd scored with a long shot. In the first chukka Neville also tried a long shot but the ball went wide. Boyd saved almost on the goal line, from Cresswell, in the second chukka and Bartholomew also brought off an spectacular save. Cox increased the Civilians' lead in the third chukka by a good shot from an acute angle but Neville got through for the Navy. The R.M.L.I. Captain was unlucky in not getting his second goal after wards after which the game became very fast, both sides attacking in turn.

The fourth chukka saw Judd score the third goal for the Civilians but the Navy were not to be denied yet as Fleming got a good goal in the fifth. At this stage it seemed that the Navy might equalise but Bartholomew put on the fourth goal for the Civilians. With only the sixth and last chukka to be played, the Navy still tried hard but there was no further scoring.

Amongst those present were H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs and Admiral Sir Arthur Leyeson. Major-General Sir John Fowler had charge of the game and the line-up was:—

CIVILIANS.	NAVY.
P. Cox.	Lt. C. M. Fleming.
E. L. Judd.	Lt. Com. H. M. Lake.
C. C. Boyd.	Lt. J. Cresswell.
J. Bartholomew.	Capt. Neville.

At the conclusion of the game Captain Neville introduced Lady Stubbs to the company and asked her to present the trophy to Mr. Boyd, the captain of the winning team. He mentioned that the Cup was presented by the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in 1912 and was won last year by the Civilians.

Accepting the Cup from Lady Stubbs, Mr. Boyd made a short speech, in which he regretted that more teams had not entered the competition and hoped that next year would see others competing for the cup. Mr. Boyd could not speak too highly of the Navy team. They were nearly all beginners, and under Captain Neville had come on wonderfully. The Civilians had had a far harder game than they expected.

Cheers for Lady Stubbs concluded the proceedings.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG DOINGS.

There is little change to report in the importers' quotations for sugar, rice and flour in Nam Pak Hong this morning.

In the sugar market there is the anomaly of speculators considerably underquoting the importers. For lots which will fall due next week, holders are asking about 70 to 80 cents per picul less while those who still have a fortnight or three weeks to run, are quoting 50 or 60 cents below the market.

The strike of rice workers in Canton has eased the local market but prices here have not dropped as arrivals have been small and far between. Cantonese domestic rice is fetching record prices in the interior and this is what is keeping up the local market but a slight drop is not unexpected.

The flour market is weak with nominal quotations marking time.

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GRILLS, GUARDS AND GOVERNMENTS.

(Continued.)

The attack on and sacking of the "Hydrangea," following so close on the piracy of the "Sanning," has again presented, in a vivid aspect, the piracy question, yet its solution seems as far off as ever. It is correct that recently publicity was given to a telegram that emanated from Hongkong, advising that "a conciliatory agreement has been reached between the Hongkong and Canton Governments regarding anti-piracy measures" but the writer is not optimistic enough to believe that this political pow-wow will be productive of definite results. In the case of the "Hydrangea" the vessel left Hongkong at 4 p.m., and was attacked three hours later. The speed of the ship being approximately 13 knots she was thus not more than 40 miles from Hongkong when the pirates commenced their operations. Had she been equipped with wireless aid could have been summoned and a seaplane have covered the intervening distance in about half an hour. With due respect to the writer's opinion, we fail to see the use of a seaplane in the circumstances. Ed-S. and E.J. What a farce! And now does the Hongkong Government seriously assert that a gullible public believes any longer that everything possible has been done to combat these piratical attacks by organized bands of coolies (termed "pirates" for politeness) on peaceful merchant shipping? The writer solemnly insists that the Government of the Crown Colony has failed entirely to produce practical measures for the eradication of piracy and what has been decreed by Ordinances has done more to retard a solution than otherwise. Grills, Guards and Guns, all are useless unless means are provided to summon outside help when attacked. And now the Government further suggests to impose, in order to evade its own obligations, so called Anti-Piracy Regulations, which are as arbitrary as they are unfair, in that the onus of responsibility is to be borne entirely by the executive personnel of the coastal vessels, who are hopelessly outnumbered and at a distinct disadvantage when a piratical attack is launched. Thus does the Hongkong Government seek a way out of the problem without in any way making provision for those who are deemed its puppets and who are to submit to a violent death if need be, to satisfy Officialdom's dictum. Leaving this aspect of the matter for the moment, we devote a brief study to these attacks on merchant vessels and we note two points, the first maybe, a coincidence and the second a fact:—

(1) That these piracies, strange to say, have been increasingly prevalent since the seamen's strike at Hongkong in 1922; (2) That not in one single instance has one or any of the culprits been apprehended. With regard to (2) the writer recalls that subsequent to the "Namoa" piracy, it was not difficult at that time for the Chinese Government (such as it was) to lay the offenders by the heels, for practically the whole of the gang implicated in this case were caught and eventually executed at Kowloon. The query thus arises, why is it not now to put a salutary check to the operations of pirates? And here we arrive at the whole crux of the matter, which may be summed up in two words—Trade Interests. (The following telegram, which appeared in the local Press on December 31, last, adequately explains the position in China as far as the Great Powers are concerned:—

"The Washington correspondent of the London Morning Post says that reports from China that the Chinese are contemplating a boycott of American goods because of American participation in the naval demonstration at Canton have resulted in a cautiously worded semi-official intimation that while the American Government favours joint action by the Powers in China to protect Treaty rights, the United States will not consent to be placed in a position of assuming the leadership in coercive measures and, if that impression is created in the Chinese mind, the United States may be compelled to adopt an independent policy."

If the reader will delete "America" from the foregoing telegram and substitute "Great Britain" for that matter, the

name of any of the other Power whose volume of trade in China is such as to make the Power concerned seriously hesitate before adopting any coercive measures whereby the Chinese as a nation may show resentment in the form of a trade boycott, the inference is exactly the same. In connection with the above telegram it is a curious coincidence that two days following its publication, we were advised in the local Press that "the American destroyers had arrived at Hongkong from Canton." So it is very evident that our American friends are not going to take the lead in any naval demonstration at Canton, which was spectacularly staged ostensibly to remind Dr. Sun of the existence of armed representatives of the Treaty Powers, but which demonstration, the writer considers, will never fructify for obvious reasons. And as with the Customs surplus problem, so also with the piracy question. In other words, it matters not to the Hongkong Government one iota how many vessels are sacked by pirates or how many lives are lost or men maimed in defending their vessels "to the utmost" against attack, the policy of the Government is evidently that vessels shall be willingly pirated and men's lives as cheerfully sacrificed ad lib, but the Government itself cannot and will not put into effect any policy of reprisal for fear the trade interests of its nationals are jeopardised! A pretty policy, forsooth! And it is only when one visualises the vastness of China as a country and the immense trade interests at stake, that it can fully be appreciated how anxious the respective Governments are that no act shall be committed which might be misinterpreted by the Chinese nation as a whole and which may possibly rebound disastrously on the trade interests of the nationals of the Government which initiated or promoted such act of reprisal.

Now while this policy may be from a Government's point of view, it is emphatically unjust and unfair to those who have to directly bear the brunt of piracy and banditry. It is a fundamental fact that the sufferers are those who actually build up and consolidate the trade of their respective countries and this attitude of gloved diplomacy cannot be prolonged indefinitely, the while further attacks occur and peaceful merchantmen's lives are counted as nothing. A few years ago England could produce a force of millions to combat a menace and when it was faced with the latest death dealing weapons which Science could devise—Yet these difficulties were surmounted. And now, with the addition of a few more years of advanced civilisation over our heads, we are asked by the Hongkong Government to accept that it cannot (or will not) cope with organized bands of rifled-armed simply with a garrison town with naval and military forces on hand! The whole question is so pitifully grotesque. After two years of recurrent piracy we are still awaiting a sign from the Government of the Crown Colony that all coastal vessels are to be equipped with wireless. And, in this connection, there is any truth in the rumour that a not inconsiderable number of wireless sets, the property of one of the premier

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coastal shipping companies, have been lying for some months in the Company's godowns at Hongkong, their erection being delayed on account of the Government quibbling as to the nationality of the operators which the Company proposed to employ? In conclusion, it is submitted that it is high time that the Hongkong Government made public its policy defining its attitude on the piracy question as a whole, for unless the air is cleared in this manner and a fair share of the responsibility for the prevention of piracy shouldered by the Government itself, can only be construed that the Crown Colony disassociates itself entirely from any practical movement likely to prevent piracy and is further agreed that vessels continue to be plundered and their officers maltreated, if not killed, without any effective measures being taken to prevent it. (From Shipping and Engineering.)

Snakes.

INSIDE PASSENGER.

Ran my car over a seven-foot black snake near Toodyay (W.A.), and a small diamond snake shot out of the wound made. It was out as thick as a man's thumb, and looked as if it had just been swallowed. "B. Bolgar."

"DON'T JUMP DOWN MY THROAT." While doing his rounds of the station windmills the boundary rider on Mulberrygon Station, Hay (N.S.W.), came across two big brown snakes. The bigger of the two had swallowed about a foot of the other. One clout with a length of wire, and the clinch was broken—also the back of the swallower. The swallowed when pulled out was very much alive.

MILKING POISON.

Joe Murray, an Adelaide snake expert, keeps a number of deathadders for the purpose of "milk-ing" their poisons. The best give as much as an ounce a week worth 23/- in the market. J. A.

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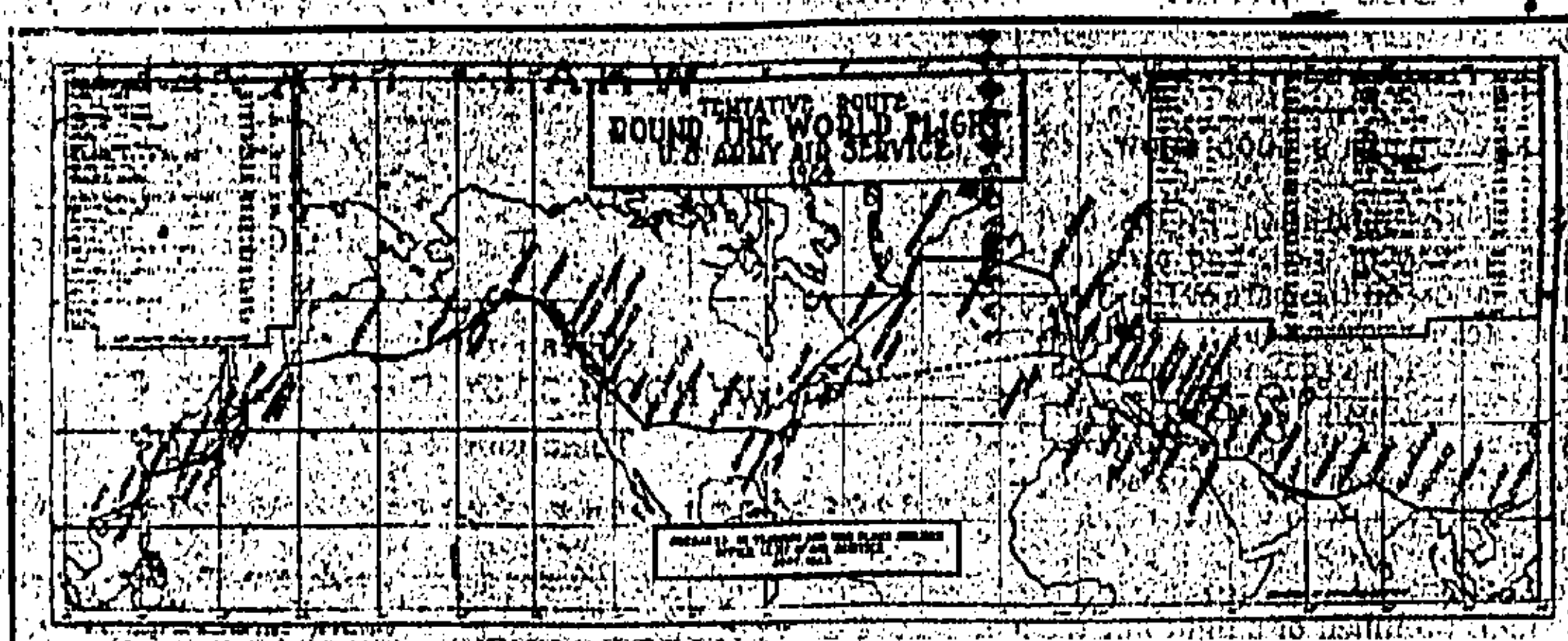
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AGENTS

HONGKONG, CHINA & JAPAN



David Lloyd George, Great Britain's war Premier, showed considerable "pep" during a round of golf on the Royal Golf Course at Dixie, near Montreal, where he played with Sir Arthur Curry, President of McGill University, who commanded the Canadian army during the World War; J. W. McConnell and L. J. McGill.



Secretary of War Weeks has approved the plans of the Army Air Service for a flight around the world by a squadron of Douglas World Cruisers, all-metal aeroplanes now under construction, each capable of carrying fuel for a 2,000-mile flight. It is believed the flight may be made in 30 days from the start, which will take place this year. The flight will start from Washington to Seattle, Wash., northward to Alaska and across the Aleutian Islands, touching on Japanese insular possessions, and thence to points in the Far East. The flight will be continued across Europe, to England, Greenland, Labrador, along the Canadian coast to Montreal and Quebec, and back to Washington. The above photograph shows the tentative route.



Ex-Governor and Ex-Congressman George Curry of New Mexico, now 68 years old, is the American Commissioner on the American-Mexican Boundary Board and has started in a small boat, with outboard motor, to make the trip from El Paso, Texas, to Brownsville. The trip by boat is said to be the first ever attempted. Mr. Curry is shown in the stern of the boat with Randolph Fishburn (in centre), a consulting engineer who accompanied him. They are seeking first-hand information about the twists and bends in the river for further boundary negotiation.



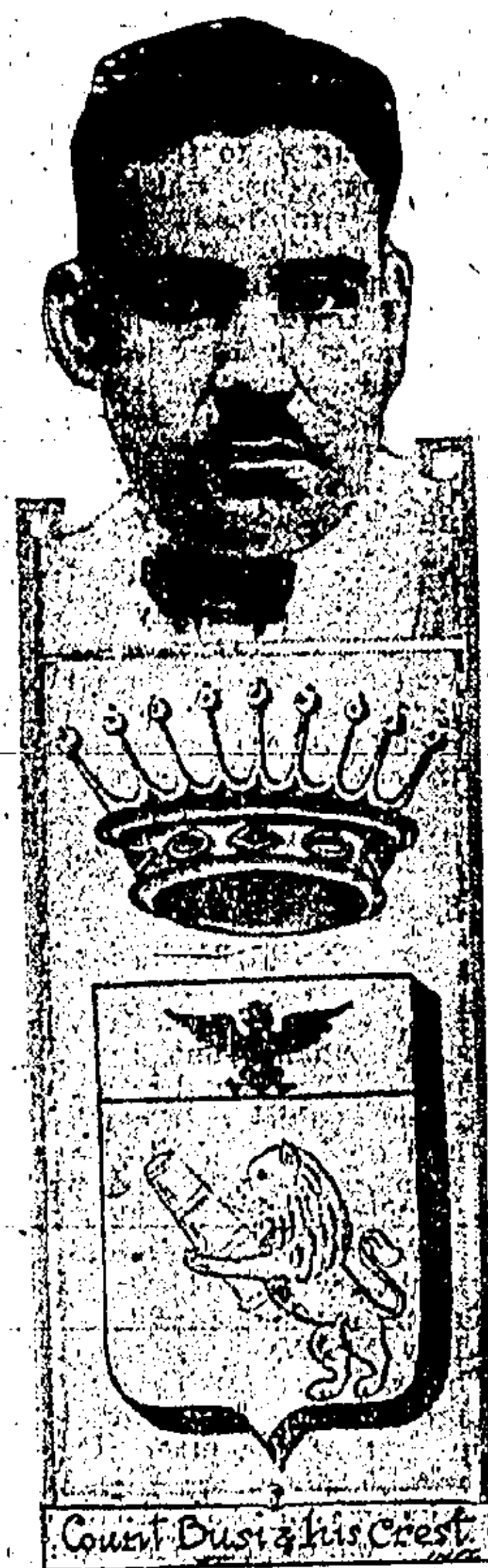
Senhor Don M. Teixeira Gomez, President-elect of Portugal, received full military honours when he boarded a British battleship at Portsmouth, England, on which he was carried to Lisbon to take up his official duties.



When "Queenie," a collie, was run over in Chicago by an automobile, a policeman was called to shoot her. But Roland Schneider, four years old, who owned "Queenie," begged so hard for the animal's life, because she was "a mamma dog," a kindly veterinary surgeon set the dog's legs in splints. But there were more serious injuries, and "Queenie" died. When a photographer arrived, Roland sat in the back yard of his home, with a basketful of puppies whose eyes were not even open, and murmured through his tears: "I gotta do somethin'!"



Evan Burrows Fontaine, of New York, noted Oriental dancer, has gained a point in her legal battle against Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Harry Payne Whitney, who she sued for breach of promise, alleging the Yale oarsman was the father of her child. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York has reversed a decision of the Supreme Court, which had vacated the annulment of her marriage to Stealing Adair, a sailor, who died several years ago. The reversal of the decision gives her an opportunity to renew her breach-of-promise suit for \$1,000,000.



Count Busi, known abroad as Arnaldo Francesco Busi, Count of Lambardia, and now a Boston (Mass.) tailor, has commissioned an attorney to sell his Italian title for \$5,000, as he needs the money. He is also suing his Contessa for a divorce, alleging she attacked him with a hatchet.



Radio and motion-picture screens have been called into service by James Forbes, a New York playwright, in his search for his brother, Robert E. Forbes, manager of the New Capital Theatre, of Albany, who disappeared while suffering from amnesia. Mr. Forbes is 56 years old and weighs 160 pounds. He has gray eyes, heavily lashed, and wears gold spectacles, with tortoise-shell rims. He wore an Oxford gray sack suit, with white hair-line stripes, dark, medium-weight overcoat, black derby and black faced shoes.



News photographs, photographs of criminals and of fingerprints, signatures for identification by banks, and the like, may be sent either by wire or wireless on the new photo-telegraph apparatus completed by Marvin Ferree, of Cleveland, O. At the left of the dual picture is a photograph of Miss Catherine Campbell, selected as "Miss America" at the Atlantic City Beauty Pageant in 1922 and 1923. At the right is the same photograph as it was transmitted over the wire for a distance of 400 miles, the sending taking five minutes. Neither photograph has been retouched.



In appreciation of the wonderful relief work done in Poland by the American Red Cross after the signing of the armistice, the Polish Government has conferred its highest order, Poland Restitum, upon the Red Cross. General Josef Haller, distinguished Polish military chieftain, who is in America as the guest of the American Legion, acted for his Government. The ceremony, in Washington, is pictured above. Miss Mabel Boardman, head of the American Red Cross, is holding the flag.

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- Kwai Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from
 Swatow—C37.
- Tisalak, (J. C. J. L.) from
 Balikpapan—A29.
- Vin Overstraten, (J. C. J. L.)
 from Agoy—A25.
- Burman Rickmers, (C. Bodiker)
 from Sabang—Kowloon Wharf.
- Dyanwong, (Cheong Fat) from
 Hainan—C18.
- Akchong, (Y. K. K.) from
 Hainan—Kowloon Wharf.
- Lianan, (Namazee) from
 Saigon—C43.
- Tito, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.
 Lionedon, (B. & S.) from
 Shanghai—A52.
- Malay, (O. S. K.) from
 Kanton—Kowloon Wharf.
- Nitayee, (N. Y. K.) from
 Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
- DEPARTURES.**
- Haiching, (Douglas & Co.) for
 Swatow—January 18.
- Cordillere, (M. M. C.) for
 Shanghai—January 18.
- Chung Hing, (Hong On) for
 Port Bay—January 18.
- Clara Jebsten, (K. N. Seng) for
 Haiphong—January 18.
- Tone, (M. B. K.) for
 Hongay—January 18.
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- Wulu, (B. & S.) for
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- Tonglee, (K. M. Seng) for
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- Hofnam, (Kwong O.) for
 Kowloon—January 18.
- Malay, (O. S. K.) for
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.
 Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai—Empress of Russia
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 20.
 EUROPE via Nagasaki (Letters and Papers London
 20th Dec.) Hakozaki Maru
 MONDAY, JANUARY 21.
 U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai—President McKinley
 LONDON Letters via Brindisi 18th Dec. Azampon
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 18.
 Port Bay—Sun Li—5 p.m.
 Shanghai—Sun Li—5 p.m.
 Manila, Bangkok, Australia and New
 Zealand—via Thursday Island—
 Thursday 1st Feb. Parola 5 p.m. Satur-
 day 10th Registration 8 a.m. Letter
 8.30 a.m.
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.
 Manila—Sun Li—8.30 a.m.
 Straits and Europe—via 10.30 a.m.
 Japan—via 10.30 a.m.
 Tientsin—via 10.30 a.m.
 Shanghai—via 10.30 a.m.
 Sunday, January 20.
 Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—Amatsuma Maru—9 a.m.
 Chinkiang—Chinkiang—9 a.m.
 Monday, January 21.
 Tientsin—Tientsin—10.30 a.m.
 Hydrangea—Hydrangea—2.30 p.m.
 Fengtien—Fengtien—2.30 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 22.
 Swatow and Bangkok—Yunnan—2.30 a.m.
 Shanghai—Kiangsu—2.30 a.m.
 Tientsin—Tientsin—10.30 a.m.
 Hainan—Hainan—2.30 p.m.
 Pusan—Pusan—2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 23.
 Swatow and Bangkok—Kwai Sang—10.30 a.m.
 Shanghai—Kiangsu—10.30 a.m.
 Tientsin—Tientsin—10.30 a.m.
 Hainan—Hainan—2.30 p.m.
 Pusan—Pusan—2.30 p.m.
 Friday, January 25.
 Swatow and Bangkok—Amatsuma Maru—9 a.m.
 Chinkiang—Chinkiang—9 a.m.
 Tientsin—Tientsin—10.30 a.m.
 Hydrangea—Hydrangea—2.30 p.m.
 Fengtien—Fengtien—2.30 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 18d. 10h. 55m.—Pressure
 is nearly stationary at Shanghai.
 It has decreased moderately at
 Chefoo and slightly at the majority
 of other reporting stations.
 The anticyclone is now central
 over the lower Yangtze Valley.
 Fresh monsoon may be expected
 along the S.E. coast of China and
 moderate monsoon over the N.
 China Sea.
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
 ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch.
 Total since January 1st, 0.08 inches,
 against an average of 0.63 inches.
 Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
 noon on January 19, 1934.
 1.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds,
 strong.
 2.—South coast of China between
 Hongkong and Loo-choo: N.E. winds,
 moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.
 3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds,
 moderate; overcast, drizzle or mist.
 4.—South coast of China between
 Hongkong and Hainan: N.E. winds,
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 18, 1934.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force, in miles per hour.
Vladivostok	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Yokohama	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Tokyo	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Kobe	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Manila	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Cebu	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Shanghai	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Amoy	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Swatow	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Hankow	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Beiping	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Tientsin	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Harbin	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Urumchi	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Lanchow	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Kashgar	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Yarkand	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Khotan	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Lhasa	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Delhi	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Rangoon	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Batavia	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Sourabaya	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Manila	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Cebu	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Shanghai	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Amoy	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
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Tientsin	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Harbin	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Urumchi	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
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Kashgar	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
Yarkand	6	30.10	58	88	W	10
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